

Intro

Ten

And that makes ten! Ten issues of **1324** (which also adds up to ten coincidentally). There's really no time to celebrate, though. I'll be honest, I had hoped it would've been easier to produce this weekly micro-tome of entertainment. The deadline has been met each and every week, but it's been hard going. That's why I really hope you've enjoyed reading the zine and if you did, why not shoot me a message? I'd be really happy to hear your feedback too. Now, this week's issue. It has...no. I'll let you find out yourself for once. Happy reading!

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Weather

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Taunton Somerset, UK 14 °C / 58 °F



Maputo Mozambique 23 °C / 74 °F



Davao City Fillipines 29 °C / 84 °F

But Now

Don't bother, currently out of order:



Wait, this picture was taken in Las Vegas, but it's <u>not</u> actually a slot machine? Crazy. This *Centipede* Arcade game apparenly has 'gone turbo'?! Picture thanks to <u>Nelo Hotsuma</u>. Spotted an *Out Of Order* sign yourself? Please send it to us. Thanks!

Go Dutch

In one word a week

'Tiental' (noun) pronounce: teen-tall

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This word translates to 'ten of something'.

In a sentence

*Een tiental zeemeeuwen zat op het dak van het hotel*Ten seagulls were sitting on the roof of the hotel

Also...

The suffix 'tal' is used for an amount of something. It's mostly used when there's more than two of a certain thing.

Een drietal redenen (Three reasons) Een viertal schapen (Four sheep)

Little known facts

Birthday candles

Ever wondered what the story is behind the candles on a birthday cake)? One theory is attributed to the early Greeks, who used candles to honor the goddess *Artemis'* birth on the sixth day of every lunar month. The link between her oversight of fertility and the birthday tradition of candles on cakes, however, has not been established. Another theory dates back to the 18th century Germany, where during *Kinderfest* (a birthday celebration for children) both candles and cakes were used. A reference to the tradition of *blowing out* the candles was documented in Switzerland in 1881. Researchers for the *Folk-Lore Journal* recorded various "superstitions" among the Swiss middle class. One statement depicted a birthday cake as having lighted candles which correspond to each year of life. These candles were required to be blown out, individually, by the person who is being celebrated.

Trivia

Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] Who wrote the Discworld novels?
- [02] In what language is this sentence written: 'Dieci è un bel numero'
- [03] What type of food is often used for pink food colouring?
- [04] The *Barenaked ladies* is a rock group from which country?
- [05] What colour was the *Flat Eric* puppet from the Levi's commercials?
- [06] What type of video's could be found on Game Boy Advance Video carts?
- [07] How many people can sit inside a Kayak?
- [08] For which currency is the ¥ sign?
- [09] What's the name of a German TV station: TV5 Monde or ZDF?
- [10] Which launched first, Twitter or Facebook?
- [11] In which Asian country could you find the Golden Rock?
- [12] Which team won the Superbowl 50?
- [13] Name the sitcom: Dave Foley, Phil Hartman, Joe Rogan.
- [14] What was the relation between *Barbie* and *Skipper*?
- [15] In which city was the video for *The Verve Bitter Sweet Symphony* shot?

Answers on page four.

From the Machine: The Webcam Claw (3)

The Final Lifeline

My Toreba 'experiment' turned out to be a complete bust so far. I burned through my credits faster than an oily rag in an incinerator and had nothing to show for it. Oh how I would've loved to report I won something rather excellent by sheer skill but it was not to be. I didn't feel like rebuying credits either, especially after seeing how slim the chances of winning actually were. Toreba threw me *one* lifeline, however. By logging in to Toreba (via the app or just a regular browser on PC) you'll either receive one or two (I'm still confused how the system works) free 'play tickets'. These tickets can be used for a limited time only and only on certain machines. I got a free ticket and eventually found a ping pong machine which allowed 'ticket play'.

Wait...what?

The cilinder in the had been filled will some other balls already, but wasn't exactly stacked to the brim. The grab was most excellent, though with a whopping 8(!) balls clutched between the two arms. Before the claw even reached the cilinder a whole bunch flew out and one of them flew forward and landed...right into the red ring. Before the claw even let go of the rest of the balls above the cilinder the platform in the back, holding the prize dropped down and both a cheering cat and the word GET popped up on my screen. I couldn't believe it. By sheer dumb luck I somehow won at the game I pretty much already gave up on.



The GET cat is not often seen, but when you eventually do see it you can't help but smile.

In my rush to 'get it over with' I didn't really even pay much attention to prize I could win. It turned out to be an art panel of a manga called Kimetsu no Yaiba. Of course. I hoped this events would occur happen but I had no idea what the next step was. Did I have to press the 'prize confirmation' button at the bottom of screen or what? The answer automatically came when the shopping cart at the top of the screen suddenly had a '1' next to it. 'Right, I beat your system, better get me my prize, guys!' I said out loud while checking out the shipping options. At first I thought I still needed to buy a whole bunch of credits (over 20,000 to be exact!) to get my prize across the pond, but eventually I figured out I could claim free shipping after waiting for seven days. It took a while, but last week a BIG box from Toreba was delivered to my doorstep.

Just in time for me to be both able to show you it's real and to immediately give it away again...to you! (check out the giveaway on page 4). So, what do I make of Toreba? Weeeell, it's a bit of fun, but to say your chances of winning are slim would be an understatement. The prizes are cute, but credits prices? Not so much. You'll probably burn through your credits just as fast as I did and unless you get a lucky break like I did you'll probably feel rather underwhelmed by it all. Then there's the whole element of 'shipping prizes that'll eventually end up in the back of your closet' across the world, which doesn't sit well with me either. Unless you're really bored, got wads of cash to burn and don't care about CO2 reduction I'd leave it alone, but then again, there's nothing wrong with having a little fun every now again...

Interested to see my 'most excellent' (=dumb luck) win in action? You can download the movie from this link.



Altogether now (again) in the voice of *The Hood*: 'I don't believe it...l...don't...believe...it!'

Beautiful Decay

The TV series Abandoned Engineering shows us the beauty of decay



One of the most well-known abandoned places in the world: the city of Pripjat, Ukraine.

If you reckon an abandoned factory from the 30's is more beautiful than a futuristic 100 story skyscaper the TV show Abandoned Engineering by Discovery should be right up your alley. Each episode features structures of

steel, iron and concrete eerily standing unfinished after they were abandoned midway in construction. The structures are often covered in weeds, moss and rust (and sadly often graffiti) but that's were their beauty lies. The show explores what they could have been. The experts tell you all about the history of the structure and why it has been abandoned all those years ago. Many of them are war-related structures (like a huge submarine base in Lorient, France), but included are factories, prisons, art projects, castles and even complete villages. The show has been running since 2016 and now totals six seasons with nearly fifty episodes.

The most recent episode features a top secret military facility in Gary, Indiana, a series of structures in Lithuania and a collection of decaying locomotives in the heart of Ethiopia. If you can get past the rather over the top/bombastic voice-over and the somewhat annoying experts ('who are these people?!') it's a series well worth checking out (if you haven't done so already). It's availability seems to be different for each country, so check your national Discovery site or TV provider. It's also available from the dplay app in certain countries. If you're looking for a trailer, simply click the link below.

[Abandoned Engineering]

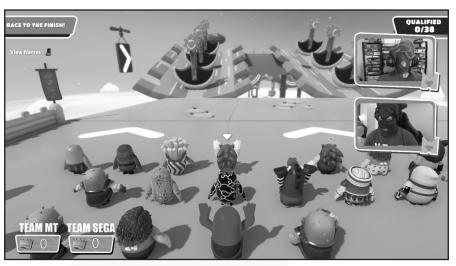
Falling in love again

Fall Guys season 2 means knights, princesses, dragons and...hedgehogs?!

Everybody and their aunt were playing Fall Guys, so the only logical thing for MediaTonic to do was release an update. Fall Guys: Season 2 (subtitled 'Medieval Knockout') went live on tuesday the 8th of october. It's weighting in at ~760MB, so it won't take you ages to update and, best of all, it's free! (if you already purchased season one, that is, obviously). A quick install and a few hours of gameplay later we're ready to report back!

The New Games

'Oh no, not again!' What's with the music? Are we experiencing serious framerate issues again?'. Actually, no. It's just that the Fall Guys theme has been remixed and got a whole lot slower. Thank goodness. Soooooo what is new? Plenty of new stages for a start. Knight Fever doesn't have Travolta, but plenty of BIG axes, spiky rollers and tiny pits. One of the best looking new stages is Wall guys, which has you scaling platforms so you'll be able to climb over the castle walls. Better practice those grabbing skills. *Hoopsie* Legends isn't entirely new, it's a single player version of the game formerly known as *Hoopsie Daisy*. Its level design is completely new, however. You're able to push blocks to help you jump through the hoops, for example. *Egg* Siege is a new version of Egg Scramble with drawbridges, giant swinging axes and far larger 'nests'. Is that is? Nope. With the *Show Selector* feature you're able to pick the regular 'main show' or special shows which can played for a limited time only. One of them (Gauntlet *Showdown*) only has races, for example. MediaTonic promised there's another few new stages coming mid-season too.



Sonic the Hedgehog on Knight Fever, one of the few new stages of Fall Guys: Season 2. Don't get 'axed'!

New Costumes

Of course, there's some new costumes too. There's a Dragon, a Knight, a Princess, Male and Female Vikings, an Orc, a Wizard, a Witch and...Sonic the Hedgehog! This exclusive costume will be added to the game (both the PC and PlayStation 4 versions) on october 14th. You'll need five crowns for the top half or ten for both the top and the bottom. It won't help you speed ahead of the competition, though and the spindash is also missing.



The new *Sonic the Hedgehog* costume. If you're on team yellow you'll turn into 'Super Sonic'.

A new lick of brightly-coloured Paint

There's plenty of content which has 'remained', too. The classic games/ stages like See Saw, (Team) Tail Tag, Door Dash, Roll Out, Perfect Match, Fruit Chute and Slime Climb are all still in the game. You might see some of them in a slightly earlier or later stage than you're used to and they have been restyled somewhat. Hit Parade has the large wrecking balls flying in the opposite direction and new ground hazards, See Saw can have some extra hammers to mess you up, Slime Climb can have rolling logs and Dizzy Heights can have an extra path. These new variations really help to keep the 'old' games fresh and unpredictable. All in all we reckon the season 2 update for Fall Guys is slightly less big than we expected, but certainly good enough to keep players interested while they wait for the other new maps. Expect a few tips in the next issue of 1324.

Fall 2020 'stay cosy' selection

Take care of yourself and each other

Unless you're living on the Southern hemisphere the summer is over and you're probably spending much more time indoors. Here's a few products that might help you through the fall.

Pumpkin scented Candles

There's multiple brands doing pumpkin spiced candles. Try the ones by *Homesick*, *Yankee Candles*, Village Candle or Pet House, for example. *Wickford & Co* even has a *Trick or Treat* candle. Don't forget to visit *Etsy* either: the selection is huge.

Bath bombs

From *Lush* comes the *Punkin Pumpkin* bath bomb. It smells like cinnamon, orange and lime. Feel like splashing out? Check out this spectacular 'Spooky' selection by *Pearl Bath Bombs*.

Lip balms

Burt's Bees is doing limited edition lip balms with Chai (tea), Pumpkin Spice, Vanilla Maple & Pomegranate flavours. Another winner is the Warm Vanilla Sugar Lip scrub by the Body Shop.

Hot Drinks

Sure, you could grab a sugar-infused Pumpkin-spice latte at *Starbucks*, but why no go for the *Three cinnamon* tea by *Pukka*, the Pumpkin spice chai by *Tazo* or the pumpkin spice tea's by *Twinings*, *Yogi* or *Bigalow*? The *Republic of Tea* even brings you a recipe for a pumpkin spice tea latte. Rather go for coffee? *Maxwell House, Beanies* (from Lidl), *Caffe DVita* and even *Dunkin' Donuts* all do Pumpkin spice instant coffee, while *Little's* has a 'Cardamom Bun' flavour.



FREE: Art Panel

Kimetsu No Yaiba

We finally won something from Toreba, now we're already giving it away?! Yes. We're quite sure there's someone out there who appreciates the *Kimetsu No Yaiba* manga a lot more than us, so in the post it goes. Want have a chance of winning this rather lovely art panel? Simply send a mail to this address and include the name of one of the characters seen on the panel. Oh, and make sure you do so by october 31st.



The art panel is 25x25cm (10"x10") in size.

Quality Quote

Words to go by

'I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.'

-Albert Einstein

Editor's Note

Sloppy Site

I'm well aware the official 1324 website is currently rather outdated. It's a situation I'm not happy with, but which will be resolved soon. You'll be able to download each and every issue from the website, find an overview of all the topics and submitting your own article will be even easier. I'll keep you posted. For now, make sure to follow us on Twitter for the latest updates.

Fundació Joan Miró

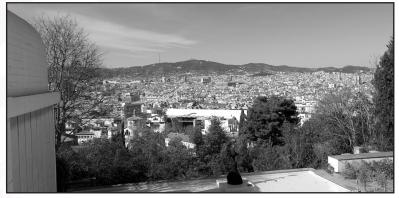
A place to experience the art of Joan Miró and other artists

If you're ever planning on visiting Barcelona, don't be afraid to 'play the tourist' and get on one of those hop-on, hop-off buses and make sure you take the one which route passes over the *Montjuïc* mountain. Apart from a rather excellent view from the top and the 1992 Olympic stadium you'll come across the *Fundació Joan Miró*, a museum which houses both the work of Spanish artist Joan Miró (who is, alongside Picasso and Dalí, considered one of the 'big three' of Spanish 20th-century modern art) and other 20th and 21st century artists.

The museum is beautifully located and a has a great view from both its garden as well as its lunchroom, but, naturally, there's plenty to see inside, too. The museum's Miró collection is made up of more than 14,000 objects, among which are paintings, sculptures, ceramics, textile works and practically his entire collection of graphic works. The Fundació Joan Miró also has its own collection of contemporary art, much of which came from tributes made to Miró after his death.

If you'd like to sample Miró's style or planning a visit, try their website:

[Fundació Joan Miró]



The view from the outside section/garden of the museum is quite spectacular too.

Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] Terry Pratchett.
- [02] Italian. The sentence translates to 'Ten is a nice number'.
- [03] Beetroot. You see, it's not just a Minecraft thing!
- [04] Canada
- [05] Yellow.
- [06] Cartoons/Anime
- [07] One
- [08] The Japanese Yen
- [09] ZDF. TV5 Monde is French
- [10] Facebook. Facebook launched in 2004, Twitter in 2006.
- [11] Myanmar
- [12] The Denver Broncos
- [13] *Newsradio*. Other stars include Andy Dick, Maura Tierney, Vicki Lewis, Stephen Root, Khandi Alexander and Jon Lovitz.
- [14] Barbie is Skipper's older sister
- [15] The video was shot in *Hoxton*, London

